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Department Of Water Resources  
Boise, Idaho

Steve Lester:

The Bosrd of Directors Have asked me to write to you in hopes you can help us with our problem in regard to the problem we seem to <sup>be</sup> having in regard to our ditch water. The Terminus Lateral Ditch is water that comes at end of Noble Ditch and irrigates South part of City of Fruitland. The Lateral has been there for 40 years and we pipe~~d~~ it and covered is with dirt about 5 years ago.

The land south <sup>side</sup> of Terminus Lateral has been sold to Fruitland School District and they are building a new middle School on the land. The contractor and School Superintendent were told about the pipe line and showed where it was.

They could fine no~~re~~ recording of the ditch being there at the court House so they seem to think we have no rights about the Lateral water. They don't seem to want to give us any easement on each side of ditch but finally did say we could have 5 ft. on one side.

They are now in the process of building the school and there~~y~~ heavy trucks run over the pipe and have broken it 3 times already. Each time it is repaired it weakens the pipe. They also took out a road that was south of the pipe line and had been used for many years and it also gave some protection for the lateral.

We would like to know wher e we can get information on our rights in regard~~d~~ to the lateral ditch. We can not afford a lawyer so the Board of Directors would be very grateful if you could send this imfor- mation or tell us where to get it before they ruin our water supply for irrigation.

*Thank you.*

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